

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY MR. OBEY,  
CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS,  
REGARDING H.R. \_\_\_\_\_, OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

Following is an explanation of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, including disclosure of congressional earmarks and congressionally directed spending items as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Section 4 of the Act specifies that this explanatory statement shall have the same effect with respect to the allocation of funds and implementation of this legislation as if it were a joint explanatory statement of a committee of conference.

The Omnibus Appropriations Act includes fiscal year 2009 appropriations encompassing 9 regular annual appropriations bills, each in a separate division, plus a 10<sup>th</sup> division including further provisions relating to the Department of Homeland Security and other agencies. The divisions contained in the Act are as follows:

- Division A—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009;
- Division B—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009;
- Division C—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009;
- Division D—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2009;
- Division E—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009;
- Division F—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009;
- Division G—Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2009;
- Division H—Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2009;
- Division I—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009; and
- Division J—Further Provisions Relating to the Department of Homeland Security and Other Matters.

Section 3 states that, unless expressly provided otherwise, any reference to “this Act” contained in any division shall be treated as referring only to the provisions of that division.